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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

On May 6, 2003, the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") issued a Final Office Action ("the May 2003 Action"). On November 7, 2003, applicants filed an Amendment After Final ("the November 2003 Amendment"), a Petition to Revive for Unintentional Abandonment, and a Notice of Appeal. On February 13, 2004, the USPTO granted the Petition, stating that the two-month period for filing an appeal brief runs from the date of the Petition decision. On April 20, 2004, applicants received an Advisory Action. Applicants now respond to that Advisory Action. Applicants include

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a Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for Five Month Extension of Time with this Amendment.

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